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In re Application of  
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DECISION

This is a decision on applicant's submission filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) by facsimile transmission on 14 January 2003. The submission has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting that the copy of the declaration which accompanied the petition be accepted as having been timely filed on 14 September 2001. The petition was accompanied by, inter alia, a copy of a postcard receipt for the present application. The petition is **GRANTED** as discussed below.

A review of the application file reveals that applicant has provided sufficient evidence to establish that a proper response to the Notice of Missing Requirements mailed 18 July 2001, in the form of a declaration of the inventor, was filed 14 September 2001. The proof is in the form of the copy of the receipt for the present application which bears a USPTO datestamp of "SEP 14 2001" and which itemizes, inter alia, an "executed declaration". Therefore, in view of the postcard receipt and counsel's statement in the present petition that the copy of the declaration as submitted with the present petition is a "true copy of...the executed declaration which [was] filed...on September 14, 2001", the copy of the declaration may properly be accepted as having been filed on 14 September 2001.

A review of the application file reveals that with the filing of the present declaration, applicant has satisfied the requirements for entry into the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371. The application has an international filing date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 10 December 1999, and a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of **14 September 2001**. This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision.

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